

S'tJSHNA:^a the wise have known of this thy
(great-
ness). Bestow upon them (abundant) food.

8. The reciters of sacred hymns
praise,-with all
their might, INDBA, the ruler of the
world, whose
bounties are (computed by) thousands,
or even
more.

AETTVAKA IT.

SIJKTA. I. (XII.)

The deity addressed is AaM j -the *Rishi* is MEDHATITHI. the
son
of KANWA; the metre, *Gdyatri*.

1. "We select AaKi, the messenger of the gods?^b
Targa xxn.
their invoker, the possessor of all riches, the
per-
fector of this rite.
2. (The offerers of oblations) invoke, with
their
invocations, A&NI, AGOT, the lord of
men/ the
bearer of offerings, the beloved of many.
3. AGNX, generated"¹ (by attrition), bring
hither

^a *S-mJina* is described as an *ABUT* a slain "by *Indm*:
but this is,
evidently, a metaphorical murder. *SfaMa*, means
drier up, ex-
siccator: *Ihutdnam soshandketu*, the cause of the
drying or
withering of beings, heat or drought,—which
fndra, as the rain,
would put an end to.

^b The commentator cites the *Taittiriya Brahmana*,
in confirm-
ation of this function ; *Usanm*, the son of *liam*,
being the mes-
senger of the *Asuras*. *Agnir de-vdndm duta dsid*;
Usanah Mvyo
'*surdndm*.

^c *Vispati*; *Vis* being constantly used for *prajd*,
progeny,
people, men.

^d The original has only *jftpiwiah*, ^f being born/ that is,
being